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Applicants:	Gregory J. Gagnon et al.	Examiner:	Forest Thompson, Jr.
Serial No.:	09/726,368	Group Art Unit:	3625
Filed:	November 29, 2000	Docket:	PD-990271
Title:	PAY TV BILLING, SYSTEM ACTIVATION, AND E-COMMERCE USING A PAY-TV RECEIVER		

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In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2004, which was made final, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application.

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Fee \$ _____

____ An extension for _____ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. _____
Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated May 18, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

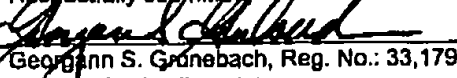
☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

____ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
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Respectfully submitted,


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